

REMARKS

Included herein is a request for a two-month extension of time along with the appropriate fee.

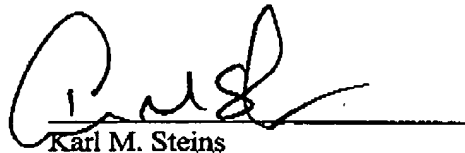
In the Office Action mailed 12/24/2003, Claim 21 was objected to, but was indicated as being allowable if redrafted such that it is not dependent upon a rejected base claim. In response, Applicant has made such amendment and has canceled the rejected claims.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be reconsidered, the claims be allowed, and the case passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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